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SUBJECT: WAHID ABDULLAH STOPS IN DACCA

SUMMARY: AFGHANISTAN'S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, WAHID ABDULLAH, VISITED DACCA ON JUNE 29 AND 30, HARD ON THE HEELS OF PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER A. A. BHUTTO. EN ROUTE HOME FROM KUALA LUMPUR WHERE HE HAD REPRESENTED AFGHANISTAN AT THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS STAY IN DACCA, PLANNED BEFORE THE BHUTTO VISIT, TO GET IN A FEW FRESH DIGS AT THE PAKISTANIS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING HIS TWO-DAY STAY, WAHID ABDULLAH PAID CALLS ON PRESIDENT MOHAMMADULLAH, PRIME MINISTER MUJIBUR RAHMAN AND FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE AFGHAN USED THE CALLS TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF "MUTUAL INTEREST" TO BANGLADESH AND AFGHANISTAN. THE VISIT WAS ALSO THE OCCASION FOR THE SIGNING OF A GENERAL TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND AFGHANISTAN PROVIDING FOR "MOST-FAVORED-NATION" TREATMENT. TRADE  
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AND CIVIL AVIATION DELEGATIONS TO BE EXCHANGED. AT THE CONCLUSION

OF THE VISIT, A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED. IN ADDITION TO NOTING THE GREAT IDENTITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND BANGLADESH, AMONG OTHER THINGS IT ALSO (1) URGED THAT THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM BE PERMITTED TO DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE FREE FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, (2) POSITED THAT PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST REQUIRES VACATION OF ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY AND RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS, AND (3) FOUND EXPANSION OF DIEGO GARCIA CONTRARY TO THE INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE CAREFULLY SKIRTED ISSUES WHERE EXPRESSION AFGHAN POSITION MIGHT BE OFFENSIVE TO PAKISTANIS OR LEAD TO INFERENCE BANGLADESH SUPPORTING FORMER AGAINST LATTER. HOWEVER, TONE OF A PRESS CONFERENCE WAHID ABDULLAH HELD SUGGESTS THAT THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SOUGHT TO CAPITALIZE ON THE DISMAY OF THE BENGALIS OVER THE BHUTTO VISIT TO REHEARSE A FAMILIAR THEME. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, WAHID ABDULLAH STRESSED THAT AFGHANISTAN HAD BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THOSE SUPPORTING BANGLADESH IN 1971 AND THEN WENT ON TO ADD THAT AFGHANISTAN SUPPORTS THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF BALUCHISTAN AND PAKHTUNISTAN FOR SELF-DETERMINATION. ADDING THAT AFGHANISTAN IS COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE AFGHANISTAN DOES NOT ACCEPT THE DURAND LINE, ITS POSITION ON BALUCHISTAN AND PAKHTUNISTAN IS NOT CONTRADICTORY.

4. ACCORDING TO THE DACCA PRESS, WAHID ABDULLAH HIT HIS ANTI-PAKISTAN STRIDE FULLY ONLY AFTER HE REACHED CALCUTTA. THERE HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT PAKISTAN MUST BEAR FULL BLAME FOR THE FAILURE OF THE BHUTTO VISIT TO DACCA. HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "MR. BHUTTO NEVER GIVES ANY CONCESSIONS BUT WANTS ONLY CONCESSIONS FROM OTHERS.  
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